

LEARNING CONNECTION

September/October 2010

Learning Center Will Have New Look

So why are we including a picture of the Learning Center lobby in this issue of the Learning Connection? In a few weeks you can look at this picture to remember what it was like before the changes that will take place September 9-11.

Here's what you will see in our lobby after the redesign:

- Wall of graphics
- Donor recognition wall
- Improved display areas
- Comfortable seating
- Colorful rug

These are exciting enhancements to our beautiful building!



Carlsbad Library Learning Center Lobby...before

Open House

Literacy Services will be holding an Open House on Thursday, September 30, 2010, from 5:30—7:30 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to bring family members and friends to see the newly re-designed Learning Center and enjoy the food and activities.

We will also be celebrating National Literacy Month with our own "Each One Reach One" campaign.

Most people hear about Literacy Services from someone who is already a participant. We encourage all learners and tutors to invite someone who might benefit from being part of our program.

Do you have a friend or neighbor who might be interested in participating in the Literacy Services program? If so, invite them to the open house so they can learn more about us, and meet staff members and other participants.

You will receive more details soon about our "Each One Reach One" campaign.

August 23 was the
2nd anniversary
of the Learning Center
Grand Opening

Website Resources

The California Library Literacy Services (a program of the California State Library), has created a website organized around learner Roles & Goals.

The curriculum brings together activities, ideas, games, materials, websites, tips, insider information, and sound advice for accomplishing many of your learner's goals. Thanks to literacy volunteers and staff from across the state, it's all here in one place, ready for you to download and use!

<http://libraryliteracy.org/staff/rq/curriculum.html>

Tutor Nancy F. used the "Read Magazine" area of the website and said her learner seemed to retain more information, and did great on the review test at the end. Overall, Nancy said it was a fun resource, "I'm very appreciative and we're going to continue using the site."

Voter Registration

Attention all Learners and Tutors! There is a Statewide General Election on November 2, 2010. You must be registered by October 18 to vote in this election.

Not yet registered? Please see a staff member for a free Voter Registration Form.

Already registered? You will need to re-register if:

- You have moved, even if you only moved across the street.
- You have changed your name.
- You want to change the political party you chose on your last registration form.



Easy Voter Guides will be available at the Learning Center soon.

Please see www.easylvoter.org for more information on the upcoming election.

Pair Anniversaries

The following pairs are celebrating a year or more of learning together in the months of September or October.
Congratulations!

Ein D./Mel K. = 7 years

Pat R./Rita A. = 5 years

Marilyn S./Fernanda J. = 3 years

Paula M./Maribel R. = 2 years

Barbara S./Stephanie M. = 2 years

Leslie R./Alex R. = 2 years

Amanda K./Mariana R. = 1 year

Write a Letter to Your Favorite Author

Books make a big impact on our lives. They provide us with new information, they can make us laugh or cry, and sometimes they change our lives.

In a special program for adult learners sponsored by The Southern California Library Literacy Network, you can write a letter to an author of a book and tell them how the book has influenced your life. The book can be one you've read or it can be a book on tape you have listened to.

The top two letter-writers in each category will receive a certificate

from the State Library and will have their letters published in a book and on the State Library's website.

This is a unique opportunity for tutors and learners to work together in choosing a book, reading for pleasure and comprehension, and writing a letter. If you are interested, stop by the help desk and ask for a packet of information.



Important Dates:

January 3, 2011—Due date for all entries

February 11, 2011—Winners will be chosen

March 5, 2011—Announcements and awards luncheon ceremony



Cecilia R. – toffee squares; she also nursed our plant back to health

Young C. – potted plant; her parting gift as she relocates

Sandy Z. – Almond Roca

Mary Lou S. – tea

Betty G. – flowers

Anna M. – flowers

Summer Reading Program Winners—The Complete List

Week One: Tutor July C. and Learner Laura G.

Week Two: Tutor Cecilia R. and Learner Richard S.

Week Three: Tutor Phyllis K. and Learner Mariana R.

Week Four: Tutor Lynne R. and Learner Francisca C.

Week Five: Tutor Kristie S. and Learner Nyla H.

Week Six: Tutor Marilyn S. and Learner Alejandrina R.

Week Seven: Learners Ramon G. and Rita A.





New Non-Fiction Books

Writing to Others (LIT 651.75 COO) Information on writing notes, letters, invitations, Web forms, resumes, applications, want ads, press releases, and e-mail.

I Love When You Read (LIT 372.4 ILO) A DVD that shows how to help children learn to love reading.

90 Minutes in Heaven (LIT 236.2 PIP) Don Piper was pronounced dead, but after 90 minutes, miraculously returned to life on earth.

Living with Healthy Relationships (LIT 158.2 MUR) Includes advice about knowing yourself, responding to and resolving conflicts.

Book Club

Come to our Book Club! Learners are invited to join the ongoing Literacy Services book club at any time. Our book club gives learners the chance to read a book and discuss it with their peers. Here are a few more details:

- Meetings are very informal and let participants discuss anything and everything about the current book.
- Learners will receive a free copy of the monthly book and are given one month to read the book. Learners of all reading levels are encouraged to attend, and if the book is too difficult to read, a free audio recording on CD of the book is often available. Learners are encouraged to follow along in the book as they listen to the CD.
- Tutors are also welcome to attend with their learners, but please note that we will not always be able to give tutors a free copy of the book.
- Each meeting lasts about 1 hour and snacks are provided.
- The Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm.
- Book Club meetings are led by Literacy Services staff member Deanna.



Please see any staff member for more information and to sign up!